# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Hood and Willamette Resource Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency 2. Fiscal Year

Department of Agriculture 2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee 3b. GSA Committee No.

Hood and Willamette Resource Advisory Committee 70506

4. Is this New During Fiscal 5. Current 6. Expected Renewal 7. Expected Term

Year? Charter Date Date

No 06/21/2016 06/21/2018

8a. Was Terminated During 8b. Specific Termination 8c. Actual Term

FiscalYear? Authority Date

No

9. Agency Recommendation for Next10a. Legislation Req to 10b. Legislation

FiscalYear Terminate? Pending?

Continue Not Applicable Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Statutory (Congress Created)

13. 14.

12. Specific Establishment Authority Effective Committee \_

Presidential?

Date Type

The SRS and Community Self-Determination Act as

reauthorized in PL 110-343 and PL 112-141.

10/03/2008Continuing No

**15. Description of Committee** Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

16b. Report Date Report Title

08/28/2018 Annual Report to the Secretary

**Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1** 

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1 Meetings and Dates

Purpose Start End

Review Charter and Working Guidelines and Recreation Fee Proposals from the Columbia River Gorge NRA and the Willamette National Forest;

06/07/2018 - 06/07/2018

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1** 

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$25,800.00\$	18,700.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$513.00	\$0.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents, user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
18d. Total	\$26,313.00	\$19,900.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.20	0.15

#### 20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of a Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act resource advisory committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service consistent with Division C, Title VI of Public Law 110-343. The Act describes the duties of the committees as follows: to review projects proposed by counties and other interested parties; to recommend projects and funding; to provide early and continuous coordination with Forest Service officials; to provide frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, tribes, land management agencies and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully, beginning in the early stages of project development; to monitor projects approved under the Act; to advise the designated federal official on the progress of monitoring; and to make recommendations for any appropriate changes or adjustments to projects being monitored.

#### 20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committee is comprised of 15 members, five in each of three categories prescribed in the Act. Within each category, the Act identifies specific interests members are to represent. Committees are formed in geographic areas to ensure each national forest located within a participating county or counties has access to a resource advisory committee. The Act requires members to be residents of the state or states within which the committee has jurisdiction.

#### 20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The committee generally meets 1-4 times per year as needed to perform its duties but we did not meet in 2017. There was not a quorum until August 10, 2017 (the terms of 9 members expired in September 2016 and it took winter/spring to recruit and recommend replacements). Once new members were approved by the Secretary, there was not enough time to organize and publicize a meeting before the end of the fiscal year.

## 20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The RAC is necessary to improve collaborative relationships among the people that use and care for the National Forests and to provide advice and recommendations to the

Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act.

**20e.** Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings? All meetings are open to the public.

#### 21. Remarks

RAC meetings scheduled and met, but no RAC recommendations occurred for FY18 due to lack of a quorum.

#### **Designated Federal Officer**

Tracy Beck Forest Supervisor

<b>Committee Members</b>	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Adams, Ronald	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Retired, Oregon Youth Conservation Corps	Representative Member
Cameron, Kevin	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Marion County Commissioner	Representative Member
Davis, Patrick	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	President, Rock Creek District Improvement Co.	Representative Member
Jacqua, Jeff	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Retired, Archaeologist/Historic Preservationist	Representative Member
Price, Eugene	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Retired lumber broker	Representative Member
Tucker, William	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Linn County Commissioner	Representative Member
Tullis, Jonathan	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Timberline Lodge, Director Public Affairs	Representative Member
Whitney, Neila	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Oregon Equestrian Trails	Representative Member
Wilent, Steven	08/10/2017	08/10/2021	Instructor, Mt Hood Community College	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 9** 

#### **Narrative Description**

By recommending projects that maintain and improve the health of national forest ecosystems and improve cooperative relationships among the people who use and care for the national forests, the Secure Rural Schools resource advisory committees support the Forest Service mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The committees specifically support Forest Service strategic goals to 1. Restore, sustain, and enhance the national forests; and 2. Provide and sustain benefits to the American people.

#### What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	
Trust in government	✓
Major policy changes	
Advance in scientific research	
Effective grant making	
Improved service delivery	
Increased customer satisfaction	
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<b>~</b>

Other
Outcome Comments
Not applicable.
What are the cost savings associated with this committee?
Checked if Applies
None
Unable to Determine
Under \$100,000
\$100,000 - \$500,000
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other
Cost Savings Comments
Not applicable.
What is the approximate <u>Number</u> of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee? 647
Number of Recommendations Comments
FY2018: No new recommendations due to lack of quorum. History: FY2008: 113
recommendationsFY2009: 95 recommendationsFY2010: 102 recommendationsFY2011:
62 recommendationsFY2012: 67 recommendationsFY2013: 63 recommendationsIn
FY2013, 23 recommendations were not funded due to the reduction of funding that
resulted from the effects of sequestration. In FY2014, all Title II funds were allocated to
the previously approved but unfunded recommendations from FY2013. FY2015: 63

What is the approximate <u>Percentage</u> of these recommendations that have been or will be <u>Fully</u> implemented by the agency?

95%

recommendations, with 59 fully or partially approved.FY2016: 82 project submissions with 69 fully or partially approvedFY2017: No new recommendations due to no RAC activity

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

No comment.
What is the approximate <u>Percentage</u> of these recommendations that have been or will be <u>Partially</u> implemented by the agency?  5%
% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments No comment.
Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?  Yes No Not Applicable
Agency Feedback Comments  The Forest Service (FS) Designated Federal Official regularly reports to the committee on whether recommended projects proposals are or are not approved by the FS. The DFO also reports on actions taken to implement approved projects. This may take the form of verbal reports and presentations at committee meetings, committee field trips and monitoring activities.
What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?
Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities
Reallocated resources
Issued new regulation  Proposed legislation
Approved grants or other payments

#### **Action Comments**

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Other

**Grant Review Comments** 

### How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	✓
Online Agency Web Site	✓
Online Committee Web Site	✓
Online GSA FACA Web Site	✓
Publications	✓
Other	

#### **Access Comments**